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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Number: WA - I - 358 - A	
Name: POFFEN FERGER RD. OVER ANTIETAM CRIKEW401	\overline{n}

The bridge referenced herein was inventoried by the Maryland State Highway Administration as part of the Historic Bridge Inventory, and SHA provided the Trust with eligibility determinations in February 2001. The Trust accepted the Historic Bridge Inventory on April 3, 2001. The bridged received the following determination of eligibly.

Eligibility RecommendedX	MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRI Eligit	UST pility Not Recommended
Criteria:ABC	D Considerations:AB _	CDEFGNone
Comments:		
Reviewer, OPS:Anne E. Brud	ar	Date:3 April 2001
Reviewer, NR Program:_Peter E	Kurtze	Date:3 April 2001



MHT No. WA-I-358-A

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Historic Bridge Inventory Maryland State Highway Administration Maryland Historical Trust

Name and SHA No. <u>Claggett's Mill Race Bridge (W4011)</u>
Location: Street/Road Name and Number: Poffenberger Road over Antietam Creek
City/Town: Funkstown x_vicinity
County: Washington
Ownership:State _x_CountyMunicipalOther
This bridge projects over:RoadRailway _x_WaterLand
Is the bridge located within a designated district:yes _x_noNR listed districtNR determined eligible districtlocally designatedother Name of District
Bridge Type:
Timber BridgeBeam BridgeTruss-CoveredTrestleTimber-and-Concrete
<u>x</u> Stone Arch
Metal Truss Bridge
Movable BridgeSwingBascule Single LeafBascule Multiple LeafVertical LiftRetractilePontoon
Metal GirderRolled GirderRolled Girder Concrete EncasedPlate GirderPlate Girder Concrete Encased
Metal Suspension
Metal Arch
Metal Cantilever
ConcreteConcrete ArchConcrete SlabConcrete BeamRigid Frame Other Type Name

Description:

Describe Setting:

Claggett's Mill Race Bridge is situated directly to the west of Claggett's Mill Bridge, along Poffenberger Road just southwest of Funkstown. While the mill bridge crosses Antietam Creek, the mill race bridge spans the artificially created mill race associated with the former Claggett's Mill, which was once located south of the two bridges on the west bank of the creek (Maryland archaeological site 18-WA-322). Poffenberger Road runs in an east-west direction while Antietam Creek and the mill race flow generally northeast-southwest. The mill race is diverted from the creek just behind the remains of a mill dam located immediately upstream, and rejoins the creek several hundred feet south of the bridges. To the north and west of the two bridges lies "Valentia," the estate of the Claggett family, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This complex includes a large stone farmhouse, a small stone tenant house, a stone Miller's house, a large stone gabled-roof barn, and a stone spring house (Maryland Historical Trust site WA-I-231).

Describe Superstructure and Substructure: (Discuss points identified in Context Addendum, Section C)

This single-span stone arch bridge is constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone. It measures 53 feet in total length, with the arch 20 feet in width. The roadway is 16 feet, 8 inches wide, and carries a single lane of traffic. The arch is lined with carefully cut voussoirs, with the bridge walls rising to a distinct apex over the top of the arch. On the southern side of the bridge, the eastern wing wall juts sharply to form one edge of the outshot, or loading dock, once associated with Claggett's Mill. A low dry-laid stone wall abuts the northwestern section of the bridge and extends along the roadway as the property boundary for the adjoining lot.

Discuss major alterations:

According to the Washington County Engineer's Office, Claggett's Mill Race Bridge was reconstructed and/or restored in 1979. However, it is unknown to what degree, if any, the bridge was modified from its original condition. At the present time, the bridge exhibits evidence of modern repointing, as well as a concrete cap along the stone parapets.

History:

When Built: unknown (probably 1841)

Why Built: to span mill race

Who Built: unknown (probably John Weaver)

Who Designed: unknown

Why Altered: stabilization of structure

Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign: no

Surveyor Analysis:

This bridge may have NR significance for association with:

x A Events B Person

x C Engineering/Architectural Character

Was the bridge constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history?

As with many stone arch bridges in Washington County, Claggett's Mill Race Bridge was erected near a mill site, in this case Claggett's Mill. Also known as Emmert's Mill, it operated during the late 18th and 19th centuries. Milling and agriculture were the primary industries of the county. A large number of mills were built along significant waterways such as Antietam Creek and Conococheague Creek, as well as near smaller tributaries. Many of the region's major roadways led to and serviced these mill sites, which also served as centers for trade and social meetings. Bridges such as Claggett's Mill Race Bridge facilitated travel to and from these mills.

When the bridge was built and/or given a major alteration, did it have a significant impact on the growth and development of the area?

With its key position in proximity to a mill, Claggett's Mill Race Bridge played an important role in stimulating transportation and commerce throughout the area. Its presence helped promote growth and development on both a local and regional level.

Is the bridge located in an area which may be eligible for historic designation and would the bridge add to or detract from the historic and visual character of the possible district?

As described above, Claggett's Mill Race Bridge is situated directly adjacent to "Valentia," the estate of the Claggetts, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Although not specifically inventoried in the National Register documentation (the current boundary of the estate stops at the property line and does not include Poffenberger Road or the bridge), Claggett's Mill Race Bridge is nonetheless an obvious component of this significant complex of structures, and would certainly add to both the historic and visual character of the district. It is recommended that the boundary of "Valentia" be redrawn to include Claggett's Mill Bridge and Claggett's Mill Race Bridge, and that these two structures be listed as contributing elements to the district.

Is the bridge a significant example of its type?

Even though Claggett's Mill Race Bridge has been slightly modified, it nonetheless remains a significant example of the stone arch bridge.

Does the bridge retain integrity of the important elements described in the Context Addendum?

This bridge retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Despite the minimal alterations discussed above, Claggett's Mill Race Bridge still possesses integrity of nearly all of its original components, including the stone arch ring and barrel, spandrel walls, abutments, and wing walls. In general, the bridge is in good to excellent condition.

Is the bridge a significant example of the work of the manufacturer, designer, and/or engineer and why?

Although not positively identified, Claggett's Mill Race Bridge is thought to have been constructed by John Weaver, a prominent stone arch bridge builder who also erected the adjoining Claggett's Mill Bridge. This bridge is one of the few to span a mill race. The design for both bridges echoes the stone work of neighboring "Valentia." For its unique design and manufacture, this bridge is potentially eligible under Criterion C.

Should this bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made and why?

Claggett's Mill Race Bridge has been well documented, both in written and photographic form. In 1975, it was included in a comprehensive survey of Washington County's stone arch bridges that culminated with the preparation of National Register nomination forms for the bridges. These nomination forms have never been submitted to the National Register. It is presently listed in the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory. No further study is recommended.

Provide black and white prints and negatives and color slides of bridge, details, and setting labeled according to NR Bulletin 16A and Maryland Supplement to Bulletin 16A.

Provide a photocopy USGS map illustrating the location of the bridge.

Surveyor:

Name:

Alice Crampton/Julie Abell

Date:

11/15/94

Organization:

Parsons Engineering Science, Inc.

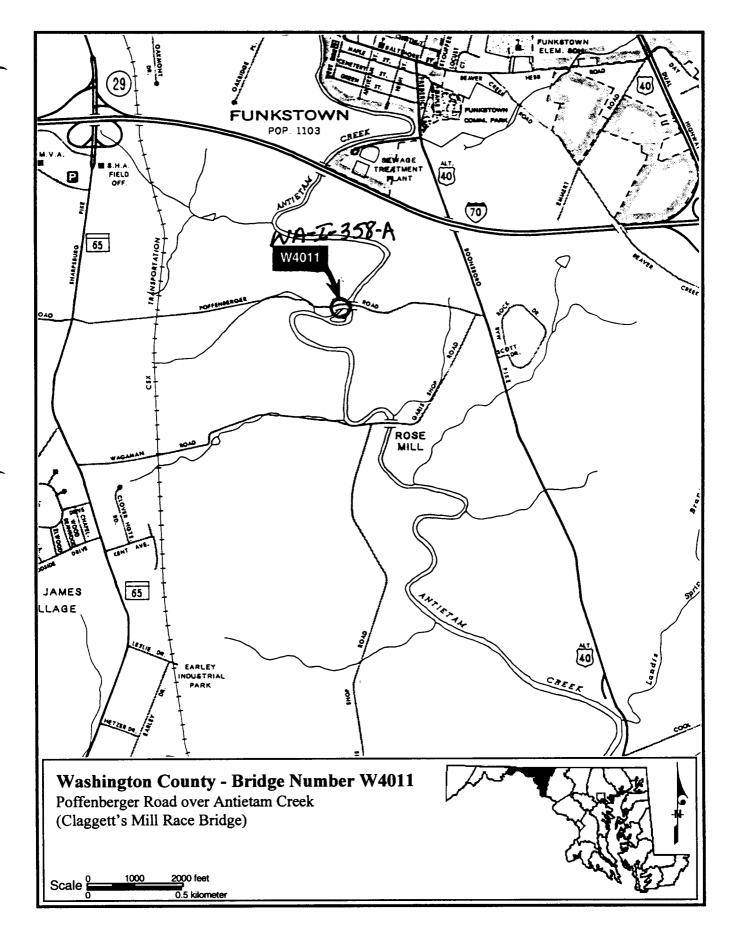
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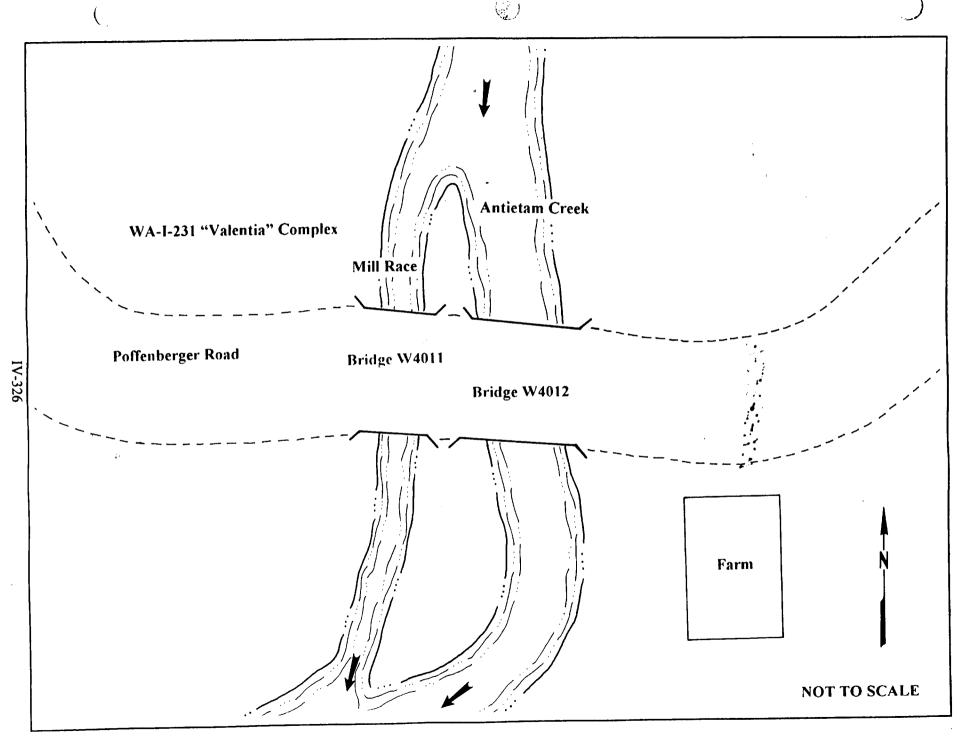
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Maryland State Highway Administration Approach looking east



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Criteria:ABCD Considerations:ABCDEFGNone		
Comments:		
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Reviewer, NR Program:_Peter E. Kurtze Date:3 April 2001		

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Historic Bridge Inventory Maryland State Highway Administration Maryland Historical Trust

Name and SHA No. Claggett's Mill Bridge (W4012)
Location:
Street/Road Name and Number: <u>Poffenberger Road over Antietam Creek</u>
City/Town: Funkstown x_vicinity
County: Washington
Ownership:State _x_CountyMunicipalOther
This bridge projects over:RoadRailway _x WaterLand
Is the bridge located within a designated district:yes _x_noNR listed districtNR determined eligible districtlocally designatedother Name of District
Bridge Type:
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Description:

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Describe Superstructure and Substructure: (Discuss points identified in Context Addendum, Section C)

This three-span stone arch bridge is built of roughly coursed local fieldstone. It measures 173 feet in total length. The roadway is 16 feet, 5 inches wide, and carries a single lane of traffic. The arches are dressed with carefully cut voussoirs, with no apparent keystone. The bridge features a symmetrical design with the largest arch located in the center. The center arch is 38 feet in width and the flanking arches are each 34 feet in width. These arches are supported by piers that exhibit a rounded shape on the northern, or upstream, elevation and a flattened pyramidal shape on the southern, or downstream side. The wing walls are generally straight, except at the southwestern end of the bridge, where the wall makes a sharp angle to form one side of the outshot, or loading dock once associated with Claggett's Mill.

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History:

When Built: 1840
Why Built: unknown
Who Built: John Weaver
Who Designed: unknown

Why Altered: stabilization of structure

Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign: no

Surveyor Analysis:

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Is the bridge a significant example of the work of the manufacturer, designer, and/or engineer and why?

Claggett's Mill Bridge is the seventh bridge built by John Weaver in Washington County. It is unusual in that it features an extension emanating from its west abutment, apparently for use as a loading dock for wagons. Additionally, the design for this bridge echoes the stone work of neighboring "Valentia." For these characteristics, the bridge is potentially eligible under Criterion C.

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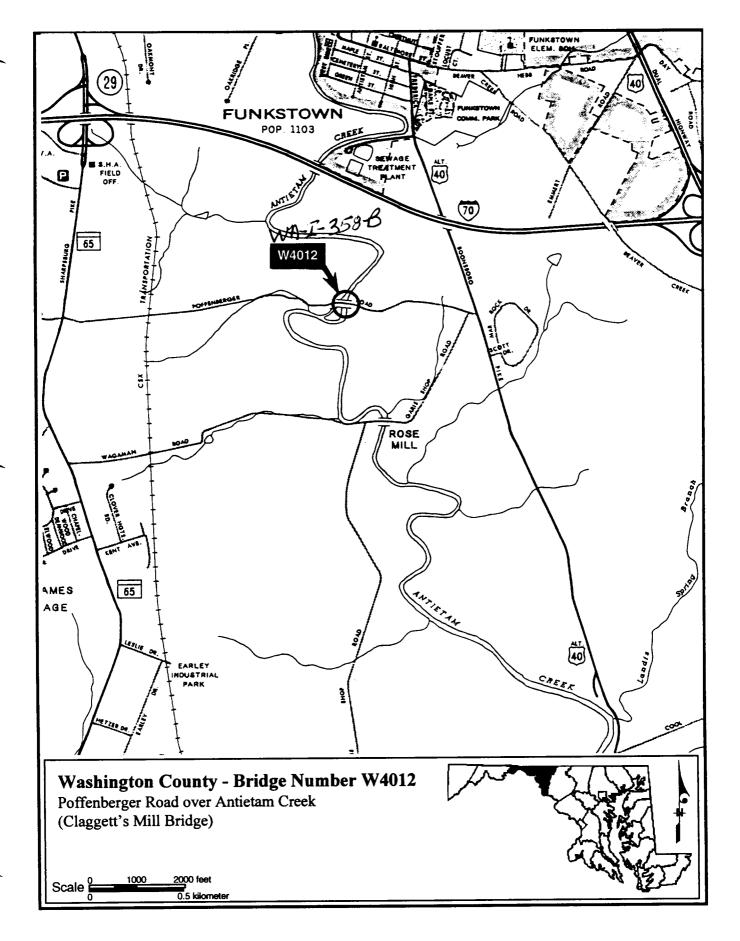
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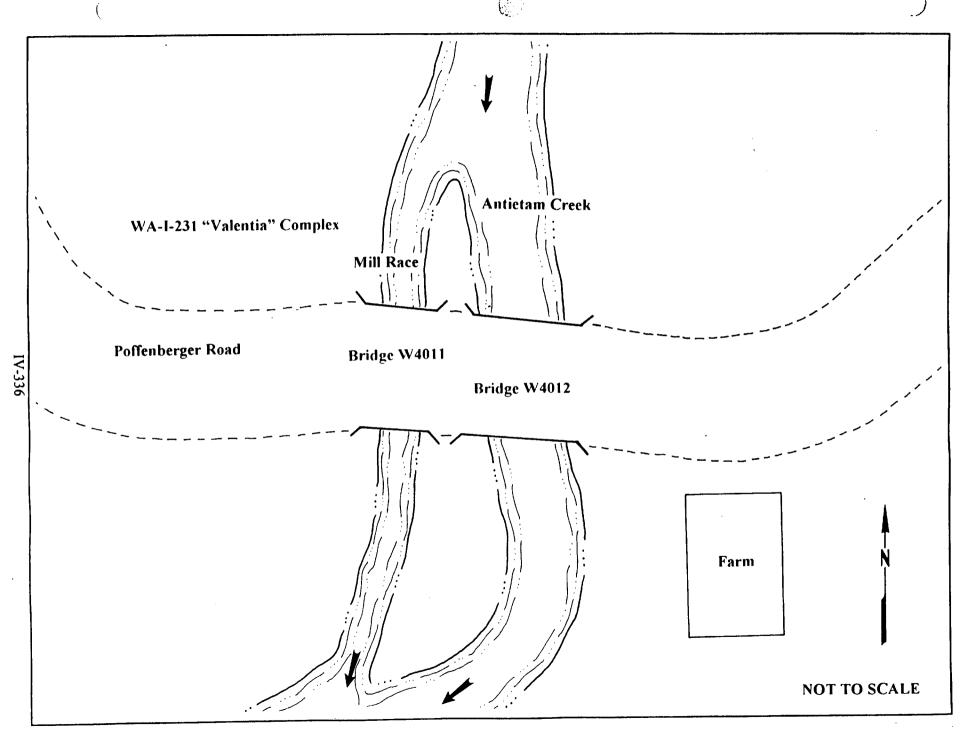
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Claggett's Mill Bridge and the adjacent mill race bridge carry Poffenberger Road across the Antietam Creek and the mill race at the site of Claggett's Mill a short distance southwest of Funkstown in Washington County, Maryland.

Claggett's Mill Bridge is a three-arched span constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone. Its segmental arches are lined with uniformly cut radiating voussoirs and rest on piers which terminate with rounded projections at the upstream face and with flattened pyramidal projections at its downstream elevation. The openings appear to be symmetrically arranged, the largest arch being at the center of the bridge. An unusual feature of Claggett's Mill Bridge is an extension or projection from its west abutment. This outshot is said to have been used as a loading dock for wagons which could be parked directly beneath the mill doors. A similar outshot is to be found on nearby Rose's Mill Bridge. The bridge shows evidence of modern repointing. The original coping has been replaced with a concrete ledge. Immediately north or upstream from the bridge is the remains of the mill dam, portions of which appear to be in rather good condition. According to historians, Claggett's Mill Bridge was built by John Weaver in 1840 at the cost of \$2,800.00.

Just behind the dam, water from the Antietam is diverted westward into the mill race which parallels the creek and rejoins it several hundred feet south of the bridges. The mill race is spanned by a single arched bridge of roughly coursed fieldstone. Its segmental opening is lined with dressed voussoirs. The bridge walls rise to a sharp peak directly over the arch. A large portion of the concrete coping on the walls has fallen away. Apparently no records have been located giving the age or the builder of the mill race bridge. Historians believe, however, that the bridge was built in 1841 by John Weaver under private contract with the Claggett's who owned and operated the mill.

The Claggett's Mill was located immediately south of the mill race bridge. Although no evidence of the building can be seen today, it is described as having been a large structure, three stories high with a hipped roof. It was considered as having been in a "good state of preservation" by Helen Ashe Hays, writing in 1910. Other buildings associated with Claggett's Mill have been included on the National Register of Historic Places.

Both bridges appear to be in good condition and are open to daily traffic.

Helen Ashe Hays, The Antietam and Its Bridges, New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons (1910), p. 53.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Claggett's Mill Bridge and Claggett's Mill Race Bridge are significant for their architecture, for their contribution to commerce and transportation in Washington County and as examples of the engineering skills of the 19th century bridge builders of the Cumberland Valley.

Architecturally, both bridges are examples of nearly thirty stone arched bridges and culverts in Washington County. These structures, many of which were built between 1820 and 1850, appear to be part of a major trend in building with stone in the Cumberland Valley during the first half of the 19th century. The earliest known stone bridge in the county was built in 1819 and carried the National Pike across the Conococheague Creek. It is said by historians that stone bridges because of their greater durability were used for the National Pike at the insistence of the Maryland legislature.

These bridges are also significant for their contribution to commerce and transportation in Washington County. Both structures were closely associated with an established milling business. Claggett's Mill was in operation during the late 18th century and was representative of a major early industry in the area. Mills were not only important trade centers but also became meeting places for nearby residents. Although the Claggett's Mill Bridge was constructed in 1840, well after the mill was established, it facilitated transportation to and from the mill, thus contributing to the growth of commerce in the county. The presence of the outshot built into the bridge abutment for the purpose of providing an easier means of loading and unloading wagons is a specific asset to trade. The small mill race bridge, apparently built a year after the main bridge is a further convenience to transportation in the area.

The bridges are important as representing the engineering skills of their builder. Both structures were reportedly erected by John Weaver whose name is associated with several Washington County bridges. Open to daily traffic, these structures remain as monuments to the engineering capabilities of the 19th century builders. In addition to John Weaver, other bridge builders in Washington County included George Weaver, Charles Wilson, Silas Harry and the Lloyds, a Pennsylvania firm.

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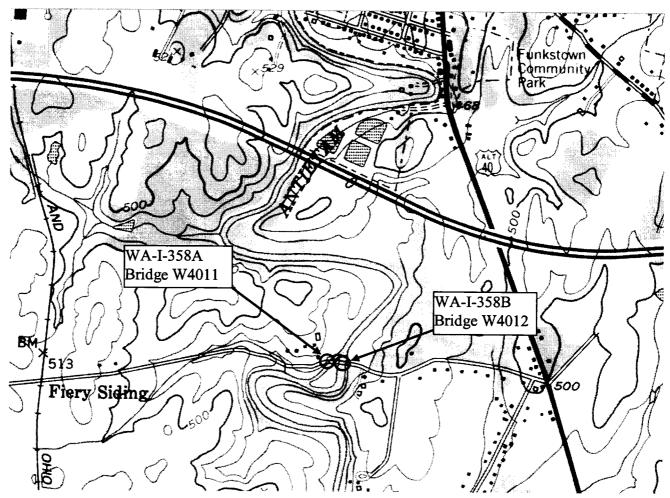
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Claggett's Mill Bridge and the adjacent mill race bridge carry Poffenberger Road across the Antietam Creek and the mill race, at the site of Claggett's Mill a short distance southwest of Funkstown in Washington County, Md.

Claggett's Mill Bridge is a three-arched span constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone. Its segmental arches are lined with uniformly cut radiating voussoirs and rest on piers which terminate with rounded projections at the upstream face and with flattened pyramidal projections at its downstream elevation. The openings appear to be symmetrically arranged, the largest arch being at the center of the bridge. An unusual feature of Claggett's Mill Bridge is an extension or projection from its west abutment. This outshot is said to have been used as a loading dock for wagons which could be parked directly beneath the mill doors. A similar outshot is to be found on nearby Rose's Mill Bridge (WA-I-347). The bridge shows evidence of modern repointing. The original coping has been replaced with a concrete ledge. Immediately north or upstream from the bridge is the remains of the mill dam, portions of which appear to be in rather good condition. According to historians, Claggett's Mill Bridge was built by John Weaver in 1840 at the cost of \$2800.00

Just behind the dam, water from the Antietam is diverted westward into the mill race which parallels the creek and rejoins it several hundred feet south of the bridges. The mill race is spanned by a single arched bridge of roughly coursed fieldstone. Its segmental opening is lined with dressed voussoirs. The bridge walls rise to a sharp peak directly over the arch. A large portion of the concrete coping on the walls has fallen away. Apparently no records have been located giving the age or the builder of the mill race bridge. Historians, believe, however, that the bridge was built in 1841 by John Weaver under private contract with the Claggett's who owned and operated the mill.

The Claggett's Mill was located immediately south of the mill race bridge. Although no evidence of the building can be seen today, it is described as having been a large structure, three stories high with a hipped roof. It was considered as having been in a "good state of preservation" by Helen Ashe Hays, writing in 1910. Other buildings associated with Claggett's Mill have been included on the National Register of Historic Places (see WA-I-231).

Both bridges appear to be in good condition and are open to daily traffic.

Helen Ashe Hays, The Antietam and Its Bridges, New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons (1910), p. 53.

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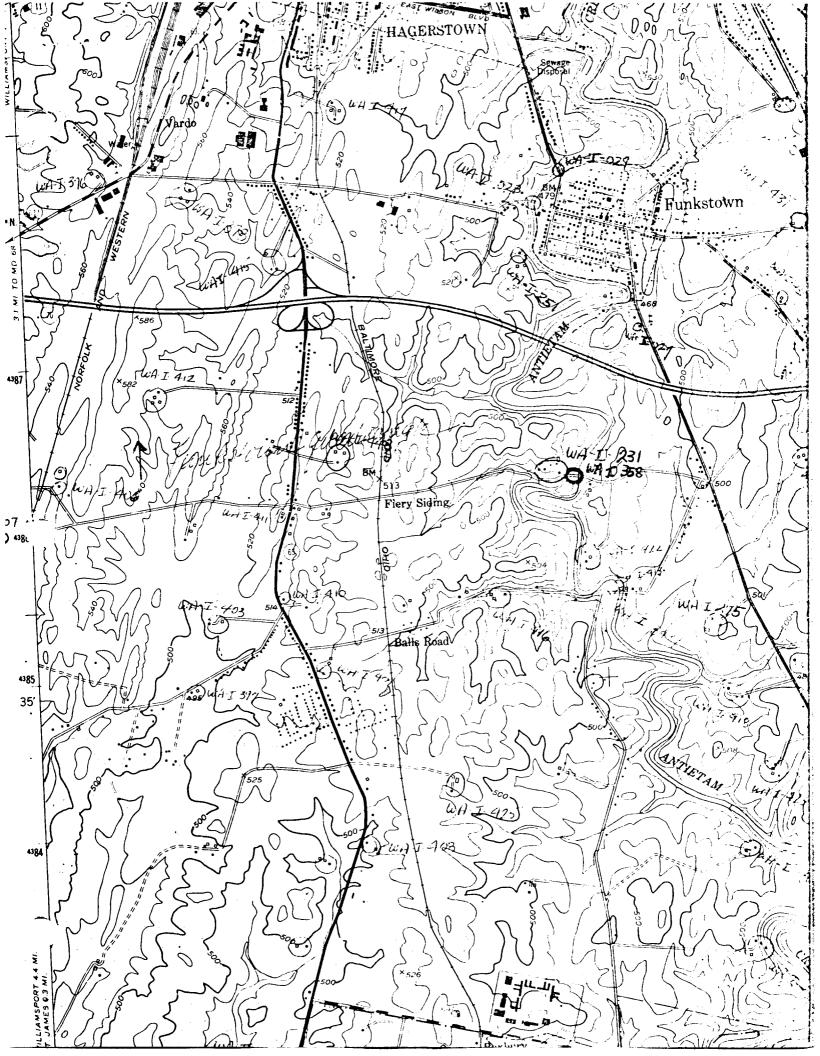
Claggett's Mill Bridge and Claggett's Mill Race Bridge are significant for their architecture, for their contribution to commerce and transportation in Washington County and as examples of the engineering skills of the 19th century bridge builders of the Cumberland Valley.

Architecturally, both bridges are examples of nearly thirty stone arched bridges and culverts in Washington County. These structures many of which were built between 1820 and 1850 appear to be part of a major trend in building with stone in the Cumberland Valley during the first half of the 19th century. The earliest known stone bridge in the county was built in 1819 and carried the National Pike across the Conococheague creek. It is said by historians that stone bridges because of their greater durability were used for the National Pike at the insistence of the Maryland legislature.

These bridges are also significant for their contribution to commerce and transportation in Washington County. Both structures were closely associated with an established milling business. Claggett's Mill was in operation during the late 18th century and was representative of a major early industry in the area. Mills were not only important trade centers but also became meeting places ofr nearby residents. Although the Clagget's Mill Bridge was constructed in 1840, well after the mill was established, it facilitated transportation to and from the mill, thus contributing to the growth of commerce in the county. The presence of the outshot built into the bridge abutment for the prupose of providing an easier means of loading and unloading wagons is a specific asset to trade. The small mill race bridge, apparently built a year after the main bridge is a further convenience to transportation in the area.

The bridges are important as representing the engineering skills of their builder. Both structures were reportedly erected by John Weaver whose name is associated with several Washington County bridges. Open to daily traffic, these structures remain as monuments to the engineering capabilities of the 19th century builders. In addition to John Weaver, other bridge builders in Washington County included George Weaver, Charles Wilson, Silas Harry and the Lloyds, a Pennsylvania firm.

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